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DRAMATIST NATAL DEAD.

Accumbed to the Grip in the French Hospital.

Many Cases of Suicide Traceable to the Epidemic.

Pneumonia, Typhoid and Delirium Direct Results of the Influenza.

Louis Nathal, the well-known author, musician and composer, is another victim to the grip.

Mr. Nathal died at the French Hospital in West Thirty-fourth street at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and his body still lies there.

Mr. Nathal's many friends in this city had not been informed of his death a 1 A. M. to-day.

Mr. Nathal went to the hospital New Year's night.

His mind was clouded and he could give no account of himself.

The physicians found that he was suffering from pneumonia, superinduced by La Grippe.

Mr. Nathal's best work was done on his successful plays, "The Suspect" and "Moubaers."

The most distressing results of the altogether aggravating epidemic of influenza come from the depression of spirits of its victims and the delirium which often attends it and which has caused no less than four sufferers to take their own lives within the sound of the sunset gun of Castle William.

These victims were Mrs. Margaret Steneck, who, while suffering with influenza Tuesday, took Paris green and died from its effects yesterday; Mrs. Charles Carroll, who hurled herself down an airshaft at 215 East Thirty-ninth street while delirious from the effects of La Grippe; Matron Sarah A. McAuliffe, of the Essex Market Prison, who drowned herself in the East River at Sixtieth street while depressed by the influenza; Naro Buro Thuda, a Japanese, employed in H. C. Park's porcelain factory, 30 East Thirty-third street, who was found by the Japanese custom, cut his throat from ear to ear when he thought he was going to die with influenza.

Thomas A. B. an actuary for the German-American Insurance Company, while delirious with the Grip on New Year's day, wandered away from his boarding-house, One Hundred and Eighty-third street and New Avenue, and yesterday his dead body was found at the foot of a steep bank at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-third street.

Deaths from diseases directly traceable to attacks of the influenza are still on the increase, though the *Medical Record* says: "There is no disease with such a comparative low mortality. Even the serious complications arising from influenza are so few as scarcely to merit recognition alongside of those which are constantly occurring with the usual diseases of the season."

In the face of this rosy view of the prevalent epidemic the Police Department has lost eight officers whose deaths were caused by pneumonia or other complications arising directly out of influenza, and the mortality columns of the daily newspapers are full of deaths from diseases of this kind.

Sergt. William J. Knox, of the Morrisania Station, who died of diabetes after a siege of influenza, and Patrolman Michael Dowd, of the West Fourteenth street station, have succumbed to pneumonia at New York Hospital, developed from the Grip, are the latest additions to the list of the victims of the malady.

There are 345 members of the police force on the sick list, among them Capt. Meakin and Garland, 7 sergeants, 13 roundsmen, 214 patrolmen, 10 doormen and 2 Central Office men.

Of the deaths within twenty-four hours the doctors certified four as having been caused by influenza.

Dr. Adolph Rubin, for forty years cantor of the Temple Emanuel on Forty-third street, died at his residence, 113 East Seventy-first street, having been attacked by influenza Saturday. He was seventy-four years old.

J. B. Kent, grandson of the late Gov. Kent of Maryland, and a clerk in the Bell Telephone office, was nursing the Grip at his home, 67 West Nineteenth street, yesterday, when he fell forward on a table on which he was playing solitaire, dead, probably from apoplexy.

Samuel Wiener, of 139 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, died yesterday at his home, 67 West Nineteenth street, having been attacked by influenza Saturday. He was seventy-four years old.

Dr. George F. Sherry says: "From present indications, and past experience the epidemic is likely soon to pass over, a few days more settling the question of

COUNTS HER LIFE BY HOURS.

Mrs. Southworth Reported to Be Dying in a Tombs Cell.

Col. Fellows Asked to Order Her Removal to a Hospital.

There is apparently no doubt that Mrs. Hanna B. Southworth, now imprisoned in the Tombs waiting trial for the murder of Stephen Pettus, is in a dying condition.

Dr. Chetwood, the City Physician, who has attended her ever since she was committed, said this morning that in view of rapid decline during the past five days he felt safe in saying that she would not live a month unless some unlooked-for and improbable reaction takes place.

She is somewhat better than she was yesterday, when her condition was very low, but all her symptoms indicate that she is slowly but surely sinking to the end. In fact, Dr. Chetwood said he would not insure her life for forty-eight hours.

Lawyer William F. Howe, who saw her yesterday, was fully convinced of this fact, and although he subsequently obtained from Judge Van Brunt a writ of habeas corpus returnable this morning in Supreme Court Chambers, it has not yet been served upon Warden Osborne, and no further proceedings will be taken under it.

In my opinion it would kill the woman to remove her at the present time, even if she should be taken only to the nearest hospital. As that was the only object of the writ, we cannot carry it out under the circumstances.

I shall apply to-day to the District Attorney for an order upon the Commissioners of Charities and Correction authorizing the removal of Mrs. Southworth to some hospital where she can receive the treatment which a person in her condition requires. I believe the District Attorney has the power to issue such an order.

"When it can be carried out I don't know. In my opinion, Mrs. Southworth will never be able to leave the cell where she is now confined. If she lives through another week it will surprise me."

There will be no difficulty in securing her removal to a hospital at any time, but the question is, whether it can be done without immediately fatal results. I do not think it can.

I have seen such a chance in any one in my life as in Mrs. Southworth since I saw her last in court. She is a dying woman and no mistake."

Mr. Howe this morning addressed a letter to District Attorney Fellows, reciting Dr. Ward's opinion that Mrs. Southworth's death was liable to occur in twenty-four hours, and urging Mr. Fellows to see her personally and order her removal to some hospital, where her last hours may be rendered as comfortable as possible.

Stenographer Charles J. Maguire, who accompanied Mr. Howe when he visited the Tombs yesterday, said:

"When I first saw Mrs. Southworth she was a beautiful woman. Yesterday she was a mere shadow. She was so weak and emaciated that it was painful to look at her, and she breathed and spoke only with the greatest difficulty."

"She could not speak at the rate of more than thirty words a minute, and so low that I could scarcely hear her. She was frequently interrupted by fits of coughing, during which she would expel mucus and clotted blood. It was a horrible sight."

"Her wrist was not larger round than my two fingers, and she was reduced to a skeleton. Her eyes were staring and glassy, and her features drawn and pinched."

"Mr. Howe, who insists that Mrs. Southworth is not receiving proper medical care, has obtained permission from Commissioner Porter to allow Dr. O. J. Hard, a visiting physician at Gouverneur Hospital, to see her tomorrow at one o'clock, to attend her regularly."

She has not eaten enough in the two months of her imprisonment to keep an ached body person alive for three days. She lives almost entirely upon opiates and stimulants, and she is now complaining that the doctors who have attended her have dragged her to death."

It was at the earnest solicitation of Mrs. Martin, the mother of the prisoner, that Mr. Howe called at the Tombs yesterday. He is, indeed, the only one who has been allowed to see her since he was taken there. The bluff, old counsel was evidently deeply affected, when he talked about the case this morning.

The Depositors Must Wait.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—A stir was caused in this city to-day when Assignee Gunster, of the suspended Scranton City Bank, informed the depositors that the January dividend, now due, could not be paid for the present. Seventy per cent. of the indebtedness has already been provided for, and the assignee for whatever sums he needed, as he could pay 10 per cent. instalments.

Jan. 2.—The bank, which had assets of \$200,000 and \$300,000 due to the depositors, and \$100,000 was needed to pay the January dividend. The assignee, however, had only \$80,000 on hand. The directors served notice on Mr. Gunster to-day that they would not consent to the payment of the dividend until the bank had secured the necessary funds. They had agreed to because \$15,000 had been cashed by the bank, and the assignee, who had the bank, and \$25,000 from the Scranton Heat and Power Company have not yet been collected.

"Y. & N." Nick Licorice deersayed a popular delectable. Druggists, etc.

YES, GEN. HUSTED IS THERE.

His Mind Made Up to the Speakership and Peace at Albany.

Ballot Reform and Rapid Transit to Engage the Assembly.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The Assembly will meet next Tuesday and adjourn until the Monday following after electing to the Speakership one Gen. James Watchful Husted, whose name has been heard in a similar connection several times before.

Gen. Husted is already at the Delevan. So is his boy Sam. So are the open boxes of cigars with red lands that have been wont on various other occasions, now passed into history, to impress the Assemblymen from the provincial districts not only with a sense of their own dignity and the General's, but also with the idea that while all other things might be to an extent uncertain, Mr. Husted's grip on the Speakership was a sure thing.

The General announces that he could name his principal committees now, but in the same breath declares that he won't. He will wait and study physiognomy as displayed by the new members of the lower legislative branch.

The Speaker-to-be is not, probably, as made up to his mind to do Winter of peace and harmony, and very likely to a policy after his own idea of securing such a season; but as to the nature of that policy he maintains either a strict silence or a safely non-committal tone of expression.

Of course he has had to make his views plain, and he has done so in a way that has made him a favorite with the members of the committee chairmanships with a singular unity of ideas that Anderson, of Buffalo, will lead the Committee, notwithstanding the strong points in favor of Fish, Gibbs and others, of New York City.

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The discovery of the murder was made by Dr. Shannon, Dr. Kniffin's partner, who came to the dental rooms from his boarding-house, a block away.

On entering the house he found all the rooms in a state of confusion.

The drawers in the tables of the operating-room on the second floor had been drawn out and their contents scattered over the floor.

Proceeding to the laboratory and other rooms on the same floor there was equal disorder.

The Kniffin's sleeping apartments were overheard, and Dr. Shannon not finding Mrs. Kniffin about went to the third story to investigate further.

The door of the nearest room was open, and on the floor lay the unconscious form of Miss Purcell, a pretty typewriter, who had been boarding with the Kniffins.

She was in her robe de nuit.

Dr. Shannon at first knocked violently on the door, but failing to raise Miss Purcell came nearer and shook her arm.

This also failing, he looked further, and in an adjoining chamber saw Mrs. Kniffin lying in bed, her features horribly distorted, her right arm across her forehead and the hand clenched as if it had been squeezed in a vise.

It took but a moment to decide that she was dead.

Dr. Shepard, a neighboring physician, was called and the police were notified.

Miss Purcell being still alive, prompt attention was given to her, but it took an hour's exertions to bring her to.

To Chief McChesney she then told the following story:

"Mrs. Kniffin and I retired at an early hour last night, occupying the same apartment on the third floor."

"She was restless and complained of not being sleepy."

"Finally I fell asleep. The next thing I knew I was aroused by her screams."

"I don't know what hour it was but I think it may have been about 3 o'clock. Mrs. Kniffin screamed 'burglars!'"

"I immediately sprang from the bed and ran into the next room, intending to raise a window and shout for help."

"I was seized, however, by a man who threw me to the floor and applied a handkerchief to my face."

"At the same time I saw Mrs. Kniffin struggling with another man, who was holding her down in bed."

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Miss Purcell is still quite prostrated, and for that reason will not be further questioned for the present.

Neither she nor Dr. Shannon could detect the loss of any valuable articles such as burglars might carry off.

The police are rather puzzled over the affair because of the studious effort apparently made to give the greatest possible air of confusion to every apartment, while the booty, if there was any, must have been insignificant.

The house, the police say, was also found tightly locked up, and it is differed to see how the burglars entered or retreated.

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